

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1871  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &  
1-4 Economic Development; April 12, 2017, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the offense of petroleum product or oil  
1-22 and gas equipment theft.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 31, Penal Code, is amended by adding  
1-25 Section 31.19 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 31.19. THEFT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT OR OIL AND GAS  
1-27 EQUIPMENT. (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Oil and gas equipment" means machinery, drilling  
1-29 equipment, welding equipment, pipe, fittings, pumps, vehicles, or  
1-30 other equipment used in the drilling or maintenance of oil and gas  
1-31 wells, in the production of oil and gas, or to transport petroleum  
1-32 products.

1-33 (2) "Petroleum product" means crude oil, natural gas,  
1-34 or condensate.

1-35 (b) A person commits an offense if the person unlawfully  
1-36 appropriates a petroleum product with intent to deprive the owner  
1-37 of the petroleum product by:

1-38 (1) possessing, removing, delivering, receiving,  
1-39 purchasing, selling, moving, concealing, or transporting the  
1-40 petroleum product; or

1-41 (2) making or causing a connection to be made with, or  
1-42 drilling or tapping or causing a hole to be drilled or tapped in, a  
1-43 pipe, pipeline, or tank used to store or transport a petroleum  
1-44 product.

1-45 (c) A person commits an offense if the person unlawfully  
1-46 appropriates oil and gas equipment with intent to deprive the owner  
1-47 of the oil and gas equipment.

1-48 (d) Appropriation of a petroleum product or oil and gas  
1-49 equipment is unlawful if it is without the owner's effective  
1-50 consent.

1-51 (e) An offense under this section is:

1-52 (1) a state jail felony if the total value of the  
1-53 petroleum product or oil and gas equipment appropriated is less  
1-54 than \$10,000;

1-55 (2) a felony of the third degree if the total value of  
1-56 the petroleum product or oil and gas equipment appropriated is  
1-57 \$10,000 or more but less than \$100,000;

1-58 (3) a felony of the second degree if the total value of  
1-59 the petroleum product or oil and gas equipment appropriated is  
1-60 \$100,000 or more but less than \$300,000; or

1-61 (4) a felony of the first degree if the total value of

2-1 the petroleum product or oil and gas equipment appropriated is  
2-2 \$300,000 or more.

2-3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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